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POSTAL REGULATORY
COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

In the Matter of:

East Poland, Maine 04230
Post Office State ZIP Code

Docket No: A2012-36

Carl E. Duchette, Petitioner(s)

PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the East Poland post office. The Final Determination was posted October 15, 2011 (date)

2. In accordance with applicable law, 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)(5), the Petitioner(s) request the Postal Regulatory Commission to review the Postal Service's determination on the basis of the record before the Postal Service in the making of the determination.

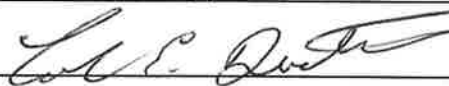
3. Petitioners: Please set out below the reasons why you believe the Postal Service's Final Determination should be reversed and returned to the Postal Service for further consideration. (See pages of the Instructions for an outline of the kinds of reasons the law requires us to consider.) Please be as specific as possible. Please continue on additional paper if you need more space and attach the additional page(s) to this form.

The closing of the East Poland Post Office will have a very negative
affect on my business. The service provided right up to 5:00 P.M.
are crucial to delivering timely service in the investment and
securities business. As I have said in my previous communication
we routinely receive investment and insurance purchases after 4:00
P.M. When this happens, we process the order and are able to get
the documents into the mail stream by 5:00. If we lose this office,
delivery of requests for coverage or investment will be delayed.

When a client requests coverage, it is imperative that we are able to get the documents out immediately. Insurers require that apps are recieved before coverage starts. We often use express mail right up to the last minute to get coverage placed. Investment clients will be negatively affected as even one day difference changes the return on investment. We rely on being able to mail investment checks right up to 5:00 P.M. The next closest Post Office is in Minot, they close at 4:00 and window service is often closed by 3:45. There are three agents in Duchette Insurance, all of whom will be affected.

We urge the Commission to reconsider this closing and reccomend that the East Poland Post Office be kept open.

Sincerely,



Carl E. Duchette